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Talked to Tommy this morning about tactics, if any, to be followed by us in relation to EDC. We agreed it was best to continue our present procedure of keeping in close touch with the pro-EDC advisers of Mendès-France, but to discourage any pressures or suggestions from Washington.

E. lunched with the Jaretskis, and I went to Margaret Biddle's, where I found Fleur and Mike Cowles and André de Staercke. I asked André if it would not be well for Spaak to remain silent on EDC, at least for the present, since his conversations, such as that with Jebb, were so likely to be misinterpreted. André was in accord. Our conversation at table focussed almost entirely on Mendès, and the exhilarating effect which his rapid actions had given rise to in the United States. We all thought the real test of his statesmanship would come when he made his decision as to whether or not to support wholeheartedly European unity as the best method, apart from its intrinsic merits, to improve the security and prestige of France. To date, he has (almost unknown in recent French politics) kept his own counsel on the matter, and if he has reached a decision no one, except perhaps a few intimates, is aware of what he intends.

Mike told me privately he believed Dewey might be the next Secretary of State. There is reason to believe, according to him, that Felix Frankfurter will retire from the Supreme Court after the November elections, and Eisenhower may offer, and indeed urge, Dulles to accept the vacancy.

We spent the night at Versailles.

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